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be held over because of priority of work due to elections. We have now taken up the work and before the end of 1953 I am sure we will be able to bring out an up to date edition."

• Sri C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of bringing out a separate edition of only the rules every year? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The suggestion will be considered."

Relief Works in Ramanathapuram district.

* 357-A *Q.*—Sri V. V. RAMASAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any report from the Collector about acute famine conditions in Ramanathapuram district;

(*b*) if so, the names of particular areas so affected;

(*c*) what the recommendations of the Collector are to alleviate the conditions;

(*d*) whether these parts were visited by the Famine Commissioner and if so, what recommendations were made by him;

(*e*) the amount applied for by the Collector and the amount sanctioned;

(*f*) the nature of relief works started in these affected parts; and

(*g*) whether kist remissions were made and the taluks for which such remissions were sanctioned?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The areas affected are parts of Tirupattur, Sattur, Srivilliputtur, Sivaganga, Aruppukottai and Mudukulattur taluks.

" (*c*) The Collector recommended the opening of Minor Irrigation, P.W.D. Irrigation, District Board and Rural Welfare works.

" (*d*) Yes. The Commissioner for Settlement of Estates in charge of Famine visited the district in March 1953. He has recommended that Tiruppattur, Tiruvadanai, Ramanathapuram, Sivaganga, Mudukulathur, Aruppukottai and the affected parts of Sattur and Srivilliputtur be placed in Group 'C' for scarcity classification, that gruel centres need not however be opened anywhere for the present, that provision of work for the unemployed has to be accelerated from April onwards and that more takkavi loans may have to be given on proper security for private works which can absorb local labour as in the digging of irrigation wells. The Collector of Ramanathapuram has been asked to send a detailed report on the points raised by the Board Member.

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" (e) The amount applied for by the Collector is Rs. 4,73,120 while the amount sanctioned so far by the Government is Rs. 3,73,050.

" (f) One hundred and twelve minor irrigation works, and one road work have been taken up for execution in the affected areas.

" (g) Proposals for land revenue remission in the following areas have been received and are under examination—

'*Ryotwari areas.*—Srivilliputtur, Sattur, Aruppukottai, Ramanathapuram Paramakudi, Mudukulathur, Sivaganga and Thiruvadanai taluks.

'*Estate areas.*—Ramanathapuram, Sivaganga, Virudhunagar estates and villages under the jurisdiction of the Assistant Manager, Sattur.' "

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI:—" Sir, may I know the amount that the Government propose to sanction for relief works in Ramanathapuram during the current year? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—Sir, the Collector asked for about 4½ lakhs of rupees and we have already sanctioned 3 and odd lakhs of rupees and more will be granted after the examination and scrutiny of the proposals."

SRI N. PARAMASIVAM:—" Will the Government be pleased to place the report of the Famine Commissioner after his tour on the table of the House? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" No, Sir. It may not be quite useful."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI:—" Sir, apart from sanctioning takkavi loans, have the Government so far undertaken any famine relief works in that district and if so, will the Government be pleased to give details of those famine relief works? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" One hundred and twelve minor irrigation works and one road work have been taken up for execution in the affected areas and they provide employment for 40,000 labourers per day on an average."

Deputation of State Police Officers to the Nanal Nagar Session of the Congress.

* 358 *Q.*—SRI P. RAMAMURTHI (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram): Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that police forces belonging to Madras State were utilised in connexion with the Nanal Nagar Session of the Congress held in the month of January 1953 in the State of Hyderabad:

(b) if so, for what purposes and what strength; and